(v) Local influences/social and religious leaders are being involved for advocacy and ensuring greater participation of the people in the programme.

Reimbursement of pending bills of patients under CGHS

517. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of a directive from the Delhi High Court Government have not reimbursed the pending bills of patients under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) for medicines purchased from the market;

(b) if so, the details of pending bills with Government as on 31st January, 2003; and

(c) by when the bills of CGHS beneficiaries are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The receipt of medical rembursement bills of CGHS pensioner beneficiaries is an ongoing process and bills are still being received by the CGHS (HQ) from the beneficiaries/dispensaries. The bills received from the beneficiaries up to 31.1.2003 have been disposed by the CGHS.

ModifiedTB control programme in Orissa

518. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Orissa has requested the Central Government to seek approval from the Royal Danish Embassy to extend the Modified TB Control Programme to another 16 districts of the State, as reported in the New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar, dated 27th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of Central projects to help the State to control TB disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Denmark and the Government of India have agreed, in principle, to the extension of the revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) to the remaining 16 districts of the State of Orissa.

(c) RNTCP is already being implemented in Orissa. 14 Districts have already been covered under the revised strategy and preparatory activities are underway in the remaining 16 districts for adoption of the revised strategy.

Expenditure on health care

519. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government expenditure on health care remain static in the vicinity of 5 per cent of GDP since 1995;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the expenditure against curative and preventive health care system for the last three years, system-wise and year-wise?